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For: LEATHER-LIKE SHEET MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION  
THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08a form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of the listed document (WO 02/101141 A1) is submitted herewith, with a translation of a First Office Action dated April 25, 2008, issued in the corresponding Chinese Application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanation: An English language abstract is being submitted together with a copy of the listed reference, WO 02/101141 A1.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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